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for the CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE

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Historical Note

On October 3, 1899, the eve of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the Rev. Lewis Thomas Wattson, an Episcopal clergyman later known as the Very Rev. Paul James Francis, S.A., arrived at Graymoor, N. Y. to establish a community of Episcopal Franciscans called the Friars of the Atonement. A year previously, Miss Lurana White, a devout young woman, had founded in the same place a community of Episcopal nuns known as the Sisters of the Atonement.

For ten years the two communities were jointly known as the Society of the Atonement and lived the monastic life as members of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Father Paul James Francis carried on a vigorous apostolate for the return of all separated Christians to communion with the Holy See. To further this aim, he inaugurated in 1908 the Chair of Unity Octave (Jan. 18-25).

One year later, the members of the Society themselves received the grace of conversion, and on October 30, 1909, they entered the Catholic Church in a body. With the blessing

of Blessed Pope Pius X, they were permitted to continue as a religious society in the Catholic Church and were commissioned to carry on the apostolate of Christian unity as their community aim.

The Chair of Unity Octave was also approved as a Catholic devotion by Pope Benedict XV in an Apostolic Brief in 1916. In 1921, at their annual meeting in Washington, the Catholic hierarchy of the United States unanimously adopted the Octave for all the dioceses in the country.

Under the patronage of St. Peter, the first Vicar of Christ, Bishop of Rome, and St. Paul, the Apostle of the Gentiles, the Chair of Unity Octave has flourished and grown. It is now observed in many parts of the world.

Letter of Pope John XXIII on the Unity Octave

To Our beloved son
ANGELUS DELAHUNT, *Superior General*
of the
Franciscan Friars of the Atonement:

The tender emotion which filled the Sacred Heart of Jesus when He saw the multitudes, "and had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd" (Mk. VI, 34), cannot but permeate the soul of His Vicar on earth, as We contemplate the great numbers to whom the Good News has not yet been preached, or especially those who are unhappily separated from communion with this Holy See and the Chair of Peter, center of unity in belief and love.

Like the Divine Savior, the Successor of Peter may exclaim: "Other sheep I have that are not of this fold. Them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice" (Jn. x, 16). Indeed, Our illustrious Predecessors and We Ourselves have frequently addressed loving appeals to Our separated brethren, inviting them affectionately to return to their Father's House, that

the Redeemer's prayer may be fulfilled: "and there shall be one Fold, and one Shepherd" (Jn. x, 16).

Prayer, in fact, is the first and principal means to be used to bring about this yearned-for unity, as your beloved Founder, Father Paul Wattson, so clearly saw; and he therefore promoted the Chair of Unity Octave, during which fervent supplications should be raised to the Almighty for the return of all to the one true Faith.

We gladly make Our own the words of Our immediate Predecessor of happy memory, Pope Pius XII, by expressing the prayerful wish that this practice "be spread everywhere in the world as widely as possible", especially in view of the forthcoming General Council, during which it is hoped that our separated brethren will be copiously illuminated and strengthened by the Divine Comforter. As We wrote in Our Encyclical Letter "Ad Petri Cathedram", the Council "will surely be a wonderful manifestation of truth, unity, and charity; a manifestation, indeed, which it is Our hope that those who behold it, but who are separated from this Apostolic See, will receive as a gentle invitation to

seek and find that unity for which Jesus Christ prayed so ardently to His heavenly Father" (June 29, 1959).

Encouraging you and your community to ever more strenuous efforts in the propagation of the Chair of Unity Octave, We urgently invite the faithful of every race and clime to join in this period of prayer; and in pledge of copious heavenly graces and favors upon all participating therein, as well as upon those for whom they pray, We cordially impart to you, beloved son, to the members of your Congregation, the associates of your League of Prayer, and to all those taking part in the Chair of Unity Octave, Our paternal and affectionate Apostolic Benediction.

From the Vatican, October 28, 1959.

Joannes XXIII

Indulgences

On petition of the Very Reverend Raphael Grande, S.A., then Superior General of the Society of the Atonement, the following indulgences were granted by rescript dated December 10, 1946, by His Holiness Pope Pius XII, through the Grand Penitentiary of the Holy Roman Church, Nicola Cardinal Canali:

1. A partial indulgence of 300 days. This can be gained on each day of the Octave by the faithful who are at least contrite in heart and take part in the exercises in a church or public oratory.
2. A plenary indulgence under the usual conditions of confession, Holy Communion, and prayers for the Pope, can be gained by all the faithful at the completion of the Octave.

Come Holy Ghost

Come Holy Ghost, Creator blest
And in our hearts take up Thy rest;
Come with Thy grace and heavenly
aid,
|| : To fill the hearts which Thou
hast made. : ||
O Comforter, to Thee we cry;
Thou heavenly Gift of God Most
High;
Thou Fount of life and Fire of love,
|| : And sweet anointing from
above. : ||
O Holy Ghost, through Thee alone.
Know we the Father and the Son:
Be this our never-changing creed,
|| : That Thou dost from Them both
proceed. : ||
Praise we the Father and the Son,
And Holy Spirit with Them One;
And may the Son on us bestow
|| : The gifts that from the Spirit
flow. : ||

FIRST DAY OF THE OCTAVE
JANUARY 18

Intention of the day: The union of all Christians in the one true faith and in the Church.

HYMN: Come Holy Ghost. (Page 11)

Priest and People: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary.

Priest: O God, come to our aid.

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Priest and People: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. | As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Prayer for the Reunion of Christendom

by Cardinal Newman

Priest: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who when Thou wast about to suffer | didst pray for thy disciples to the end of time | that they might all be one, as Thou art in the Father | and the Father in Thee, look down in pity on

the manifold division | among those who profess Thy faith | and heal the many wounds which the pride of man| and the craft of Satan | have inflicted on Thy people.

Break down the walls of separation | which divide one party and denomination of Christians from another. Look with compassion on the souls | who have been born in one or other of these communions, which not Thou, but man, has made.

Teach all men that the See of Peter, | the Holy Church of Rome, | is the foundation, centre, and instrument of unity. Open their hearts to the long-forgotten truth | that the Holy Father, the Pope, is Thy Vicar and Representative; | so that in obeying him in matters of religion, they are obeying Thee, | so that as there is but one company in Heaven above, | so likewise there may be one communion, | confessing and glorifying Thy Holy Name here below. Amen.

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Priest and People: Immaculate Virgin, | who was preserved by a singular privilege of grace from original sin, | look down with pity upon our separated brethren, | who are still your children, | and call them back to the center of unity. | Even from afar, many have | preserved a most tender devotion towards you, O Mother. | Reward them for their devotion | by obtaining for them the grace of conversion. | Victorious over the powers of hell | from the very first moment of your existence, | now that the necessity is more urgent, | renew your triumphant progress as in ages past. | Glorify your Son, O Mother, | by bringing back to the one fold His straying sheep, | and make them obedient to the guidance of the universal Shepherd, | who is His Vicar on earth. | May it be your glory, | O Virgin Mary, | to banish error from the earth, | to put an end to disunity | and to restore peace to the world. Amen.

Priest: Our Lady of the Atonement, intercede for us.

People: That there may be fulfilled

the prayer of thy Divine Son: | "That all may be one."

Prayer to St. Peter

Priest: Glorious Saint Peter, | as a reward for your lively and generous faith, | profound and sincere humility, | and ardent love, | you were singled out by our Lord | and endowed with most special privileges. | You were made Prince of the Apostles, | with primacy over the whole Church, | of which you were made the rock and foundation. | Obtain for us, we pray, | a lively faith and an ardent zeal | so that all of us will labor for the return of our separated brethren. | May the desire of our divine Redeemer, | that there might be but "one fold and one shepherd," | be for us, as it was for you, | the inspiration to work and pray | for the return of all those who are still outside the fold. | Strengthened by divine Grace, | may they be led back speedily | to the bosom of our Mother, | the Catholic Church. Amen.

Priest: Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, pray for us.

People: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

A short sermon or instruction.

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SECOND DAY OF THE OCTAVE
JANUARY 19

Intention of the day: The return of separated Eastern Christians to communion with the Holy See.

HYMN: Come Holy Ghost. (Page 11)

Priest and People: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary.

Priest: O God, come to our aid.

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Priest and People: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. | As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Prayer for Reunion of the East and West

Priest: Let us pray.

O Lord, | who has united all nations in the confession of Thy Name, | we pray Thee for the dissident Christian peoples of the East. | Mindful of the place they have held in Thy Church, | we beg of Thee to inspire them to occupy it again, | so as to

form with us one single fold, | under the guidance of one and the same Shepherd. | Grant that they, | together with ourselves, | may be penetrated with the teaching of their holy doctors, | who are also our Fathers in the Faith. | Grant us that the spirit of peace and charity, | the mark of Thy presence among the faithful, | may hasten the day | in which their prayers may be united with ours, | so that every people and every tongue may acknowledge and glorify Thy son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Priest and People: Immaculate Virgin Mary, | we thy children, | full of confidence in thy powerful protection, | humbly beseech thee to implore of the Holy Ghost, | the abundance of His gifts for our brethren, | the dissident Christians of the East. | Enlightened by His grace, | may they return to the bosom of the Catholic Church, | under the infallible guidance | of the supreme pastor and teacher, the successor of St. Peter in

the See of Rome. | We pray also that our dissident Oriental brethren, | once more united to us | by the bonds of the same faith and the same charity, | may, with us, glorify, | by the practice of good works, | the most Holy Trinity. | At the same time we pay homage to thee, | O Virgin Mother of God, | full of grace, | now and forever. | Amen.

Priest: Our Lady of the Atonement, intercede for us.

People: That there may be fulfilled the prayer of your divine Son: | "That all may be one."

Prayer to the Fathers of the Eastern Church

Priest: O glorious martyrs, | St. Ignatius of Antioch and St. Polycarp of Smyrna, | and you, illustrious doctors of the Church, | St. Athanasius, St. John Chrysostom, and St. Basil, | who worked and suffered so much for the purity of faith | and the salvation of the souls entrusted to your paternal care, | look down from heaven upon your beloved Eastern lands, | now separated from the body of the true Church. | By your powerful intercession, | obtain for all separated

Oriental Christians | the grace to return to the center of unity, | and to form with us one and the same family | under the guidance of the Roman Pontiff, | the successor of St. Peter the Apostle | as supreme shepherd of the flock.

People: Amen.

Priest: Pray for us, O holy Fathers and Doctors of the Church.

People: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

A short sermon or instruction.

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THIRD DAY OF THE OCTAVE
JANUARY 20

Intention of the day: The reconciliation of Anglicans with the Holy See.

HYMN: Come Holy Ghost. (Page 11)

Priest and People: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary.

Priest: O God, come to our aid.

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Priest and People: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. | As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Prayer for the Conversion of England

Priest: Let us pray.

Jesus, Good Shepherd, | look down with favor upon the English nation. | Converted to Thee through the labors of St. Augustine and his companions, | it was for many centuries rich in fruits of faith and sanctity. | So devoted was it to Thy holy and immaculate Mother | that it was known

throughout Christendom as the Dowry of Mary. | When it was cut off from Thee in cruel fashion, | many hundreds of its people willingly shed their blood | in testimony of their loyalty to Thee and Thy Church. | Loving Shepherd of souls, | recall this great nation once more to the unity of Thy Church, | and grant peace of soul to all those now separated from Thy Flock.

People: Amen.

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Priest and People: O Blessed Virgin Mary, | Mother of God, | and our own most gentle Queen and Mother, | look down in mercy upon England, your Dowry, | and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in you. | Through you | Jesus, our Savior and our hope | was given to the world; | and He has given you to us that we might hope still more. | Plead for us your children, | whom you received and accepted | at the foot of the Cross. | O sorrowful Mother, | intercede for our Anglican brethren, | that they may be united with us in the one true fold | under the su-

preme shepherd, | the Vicar of Thy Son. | Pray for us all, dear Mother, | that by faith fruitful in good works | we may all deserve | to see and praise God | together with you in our heavenly home. | Amen.

Priest: Our Lady of the Atonement, intercede for us.

People: That there may be fulfilled the prayer of your divine Son: | "That all may be one."

Prayer to the English Martyrs

Priest: Glorious Martyrs of England, | St. Thomas More, St. John Fisher, and your companions, | who, to sustain the voice of the supreme head of the true Church | against the decrees of a wicked king, | did willingly and courageously suffer death, | pray now that the great nation to which you belonged | may once more return to the bosom of the Church | from which it was so cruelly torn. Amen.

Priest: Pray for us, O Martyrs of England.

People: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

A short sermon or instruction.

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FOURTH DAY OF THE OCTAVE
JANUARY 21

Intention of the day: The reconciliation of European Protestants with the Holy See.

HYMN: Come Holy Ghost. (Page 11)

Priest and People: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary.

Priest: O God, come to our aid.

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Priest and People: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. | As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Prayer for the Conversion of European Protestants

Priest: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, | who has redeemed the world at the price of Thy most Precious Blood, | look down in Thy mercy upon the Christian peoples of Europe, | who are still outside Thy fold, | and let the full light of Thy truth shine upon them. |

Multiply, O God, the true messengers of Thy Gospel, | inspire them with fervor, | make them fruitful in good works, | and bless with Thy grace their zeal and their labors, | so that the separated Christians of Europe | may be fully converted to Thee, | their Creator and Redeemer. | Recall the strayed sheep to Thy fold, | and the wanderers to the bosom of Thy one True Church. | Hasten, O Lord, | the spread of Thy Kingdom on earth, | draw all men to the treasures of Thy Sacred Heart, | so that all may share in the priceless benefits of Thy Redemption | and in the eternal happiness of Heaven. Amen.

Prayer to the Bl. Virgin Mary

Priest and People: O Mary, Mother of mercy and refuge of sinners, | we beseech you to look with pitying eyes | upon the Protestant peoples of Europe. | O seat of wisdom, | enlighten their minds, | that they may come to know | that the Catholic Church is the one True Church of Christ. | Complete their conversion by obtaining for them the grace | to believe every truth of our holy Faith, |

and to submit themselves to the Sovereign Pontiff, | the Vicar of Jesus Christ on earth. | Once more united to us | by bonds of divine charity, | they will sing with us forever your glorious praises: | "Rejoice, O Virgin Mary, | alone you have destroyed all error | in the whole world." Amen.

Priest: Our Lady of the Atonement, intercede for us.

People: That there may be fulfilled the prayer of your divine Son: | "That all may be one."

Prayer to St. Bridget of Sweden

Priest: With trusting hearts we turn to thee, blessed Bridget, | in these hostile and unbelieving days, | to implore thine intercession in behalf of those | who are separated from the Church of Jesus Christ. | By that clear knowledge thou didst have of the bitter sufferings of our crucified Redeemer, | the price of our salvation, | we offer thee our supplications to obtain the grace of faith | for those who are outside the one true fold, | that so the sheep who are scattered may return to the one true Shepherd, our Lord Jesus Christ. *(Raccolta)*

People: Amen.

Priest: Pray for us, St. Bridget.

People: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

A short sermon or instruction.

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FIFTH DAY OF THE OCTAVE
JANUARY 22

Intention of the day: That American Christians become one in union with the Chair of Peter.

HYMN: Come Holy Ghost. (Page 11)

Priest and People: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary.

Priest: O God, come to our aid.

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Priest and People: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. | As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Prayer for the Conversion of America

Priest: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, | grant unto all Thy servants, | but especially to the people of our own nation, | the grace of being fully united with Thee in Thy Church. | O divine Redeemer, | of whom the prophet sang | "all the kings of the earth shall adore Him, |

and all the nations shall serve Him," | extend Thy Kingdom over the entire human race, | but especially over our own beloved country. | Grant in Thy Mercy | that the people of our land | may be converted to Thee, | and humbly and lovingly serve Thee. | This we ask, O Savior, | through the intercession of Thine Immaculate Mother, | the patroness and protector of our country. Amen.

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Priest and People: Most holy Virgin, | who was pleasing to the Lord and became His Mother, | immaculate in body and spirit, in faith and in love, | look down upon us poor sinners. | We now implore your powerful patronage | for all the people of our beloved land. | The wicked serpent, | against whom the first curse was hurled, | continues fiercely to attack and ensnare the unhappy children of Eve. | O Blessed Mother, | our Queen and our advocate, | who crushed the head of the enemy | from the very first moment of your existence, | receive from us the prayers |

which we implore you to present | at the throne of God. | Pray that we may never fall | into the snares laid out for us, | and that we may all arrive at the port of salvation. | May the Church and Christian society, | now in so many dangers, | sing once again the hymn of deliverance, | of victory, | and of peace. | Amen.

Priest: Our Lady of the Atonement, intercede for us.

People: That there may be fulfilled the prayer of your divine Son: | "That all may be one."

Prayer in Honor of North American Martyrs

Priest: O God, Who by the preaching and blood | of Thy sainted Martyrs, Isaac Jogues and John Brebeuf and their companions, | didst consecrate the first fruits of the Faith | in the vast regions of North America, | graciously grant that, | by their intercession | the flourishing harvest of Christians | may everywhere and always be increased. | Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, | Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in

union with the Holy Spirit, | one God world without end.

People: Amen.

Priest: Pray for us, O Saints Isaac and John.

People: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

A short sermon or instruction.

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SIXTH DAY OF THE OCTAVE
JANUARY 23

Intention of the day: The restoration of lapsed Catholics to the sacramental life of the Church.

HYMN: Come Holy Ghost. (Page 11)

Priest and People: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary.

Priest: O God, come to our aid.

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Priest and People: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. | As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Prayer for Lapsed Catholics

Priest: Let us pray.

Almighty Father, | who desirest not the death of the sinner, | but that he be converted and live, | pour out upon us Thy mercy | and hear the prayers of Thy servants. | Soften the hearts of Thy children | who have strayed from the true paths, | which Thou didst establish for their salvation. | They are now forgetful of

their duties as Catholics, | and pursue only the pleasures of the world. | Grant that they may speedily return to the practice of every Christian virtue, | so that their lives may shine with the integrity of faith, | the fervor of piety | and the ardor of charity. Restore all of them to Thy sacraments | and to the life of Thy grace, | through the merits of the Most Precious Blood of Thy Son, | our Savior Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Priest and People: Mother of Jesus Christ | and our Mother, | we pray thee to obtain for us | the grace of serving God faithfully in this world | that we may have the happiness of loving Him eternally in heaven. | Hear the prayers that we address to thee, O Mother. | Defend us against the enemies of our salvation, | and against our own infirmities. | Obtain for us pardon for our sins | and strength never to fall away again. | We implore thee to take under thy protection | those who have abandoned the practice of their Catholic duties. |

May they be converted again | and become faithful servants of thy Son. | Mother of Mercy, | be for us all "the cause of our joy" | and show unto us Jesus Christ, thy Son, | as thy gift to us both for time and for eternity.

People: Amen.

Priest: Our Lady of the Atonement, intercede for us.

People: That there may be fulfilled the prayer of thy divine Son: | "That all may be one."

Prayer to St. Peter

Priest: Glorious St. Peter, | Prince of the Apostles and firm foundation of the Church, | obtain for all of us a lively faith, | which we may openly and fearlessly profess | in its fullness and purity, | even, if need be, to the shedding of our blood. | Obtain for us also, a true love of our Holy Mother the Church. | Keep us ever loyally and sincerely united with thy successor in the See of Rome. | Make us zealous in the fulfillment of our religious duties. | We pray to you today | to intercede for those who have wandered from the Church | which Christ established for their sal-

vation. | Through your intercession, may they receive from God, | the grace to return speedily to their Father's house, | so that on earth they man enjoy peace and tranquillity, | and one day attain everlasting happiness in heaven.

People: Amen.

Priest: Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, pray for us.

People: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

A short sermon or instruction.

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SEVENTH DAY OF THE OCTAVE
JANUARY 24

Intention of the day: That the Jewish people come into their inheritance in Jesus Christ.

HYMN: Come Holy Ghost. (Page 11)

Priest and People: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary.

Priest: O God, come to our aid.

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Priest and People: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. | As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Prayer for the Conversion of the Jews

Priest: Let us pray.

O God, | who dost manifest Thy mercy and compassion towards all peoples, | have mercy upon the Jewish race, | so long Thy chosen people.| Thou didst select them alone |

out of all the nations of the world | to be the custodians of Thy sacred teachings. | From them Thou didst raise up prophets and patriarchs | to announce the coming of the Redeemer. | Thou didst will that Thine only Son, | Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior | should be a Jew according to the flesh, | born of a Jewish maiden | in the land of promise. | Hear the prayers we offer Thee today | for the conversion of the Jewish people. | Grant that soon they may come | to a knowledge and love of our Lord Jesus Christ, | the Messias foretold by their prophets, | and that they may walk with us in the way of salvation. Amen.

Prayer of the Congregation of Our Lady of Sion

Priest and People: God of all goodness, and Father of mercies, | we beseech Thee, | through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, | and by the intercession | of the patriarchs and holy apostles, | to cast a look of compassion upon the children of Israel, | that they may be brought to the knowledge of our only Savior, | Jesus Christ, | and may partake of

the precious fruits of the Redemption. Amen.

Priest: Our Lady of the Atonement, intercede for us.

People: That there may be fulfilled the prayer of thy divine Son: | "That all may be one."

Prayer to St. Paul

Priest: Holy Apostle, Paul of Tarsus, | from your glorious place in heaven | look down upon the race you loved so well. | Many of them | remained deaf to your words of truth. | But you were so devoted to your people | that you willed to become a castaway | for the sake of their conversion. | Now that you are glorious in heaven, | obtain for your brethren | the grace of repentance and conversion, | so that they may finally take their rightful place | in the great family of the Catholic Church. Amen.

Priest: Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, pray for us.

People: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

A short sermon or instruction.

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EIGHTH DAY OF THE OCTAVE
JANUARY 25

Intention of the day: The missionary extension of Christ's kingdom throughout the world.

HYMN: Come Holy Ghost. (Page 11)

Priest and People: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary.

Priest: O God, come to our aid.

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Priest and People: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. | As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Prayer for Catholic Missions

Priest: Let us pray.

O God, Who wouldest have all men to be saved | and to come to the knowledge of the truth, | we beseech Thee, | send forth laborers into Thy harvest, | and grant them with all boldness to preach the Word | that Thy Gospel may everywhere be heard and glorified, | and that all nations may know Thee, the One True God, | and Him Whom

Thou hast sent, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Our Lord. Amen.

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Priest and People: Blessed Mother of God, | whose stainless heart is full of mercy and compassion, | look down in pity upon those who have not yet heard the tidings of the Gospel. | Remember that they are the work of the hands of thy Son, | that they have been created in His image | and redeemed by His most Precious Blood. | Obtain for these poor brethren of ours | the knowledge of our holy faith, | and the grace to love, | to embrace, | and to practice it faithfully. | Intercede at the throne of the Most High, O Mother, | that many more missionaries may be sent to pagan lands, | there to win souls for thy divine Son. | Virgin Mother of God, | pray that all of us may soon be united | in one and the same hope, | and in one and the same love. | Attentive to the words of thy divine Son, | may we dwell in peace and happiness | in the Church He instituted for our own salvation. | Amen.

Priest: Our Lady of the Atonement, intercede for us.

People: That there may be fulfilled the prayer of thy divine Son: | "That all may be one."

Prayer to St. Paul

Priest: Glorious St. Paul, | from a persecutor of the Christian name you became an Apostle of burning zeal, | and in order that Jesus Christ might become known to the furthermost bounds of the earth, | you joyfully suffered imprisonment, | scourging, | stoning, | shipwreck, | and every persecution. | Obtain for us now | the grace at all times to pray | for those who are not blessed with the gift of faith. | Help us to use all our strength | for the conversion of those who, | as yet, have not heard the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

Priest: Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, pray for us.

People: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

A short sermon or instruction.

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Chair of Unity Octave Hymn

That all be one O dearest Lord, we
pray,
That all be drawn within Thy one
true Fold,
Back to Thy Church from which the
wand'rers stray,
And Thy true Faith she keeps, like
saints of old.
O bring them back Good Shepherd of
the sheep;
And rouse the heathen nations from
their sleep.

Then praise we God the Father, God
the Son,
And God the Holy Spirit, Three in
One,
That one in Him and one together we
In unity may praise the Trinity,
Till all the ransomed fall before His
Throne
And give all glory to our God alone.

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

O Salutaris

O salutaris Hostia
Quae coeli pandis ostium;
Bella premunt hostilia,
Da robur, fer auxilium.

Uni trinoque Domino
Sit sempiterna gloria,
Qui vitam sine termino
Nobis donet in patria. Amen.

Chair of Unity Octave Prayer

Priest: That they all may be one, as Thou, Father, in Me and I in Thee; that they also may be one in Us; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me.—St. John xvii:21.

Priest: I say unto thee, that thou art Peter;

People: And upon this Rock I will build My Church.

Priest: O Lord Jesus Christ, who saidst unto Thine Apostles: Peace I leave with you, My Peace I give unto you; regard not our sins, but the faith of Thy Church, and grant unto her that peace and unity which are

agreeable to Thy Will, Who livest and reignest God forever and ever.

People: Amen.

Priest: Lord Jesus, most gracious Saviour of the world, we humbly beg of Thee by Thy most Sacred Heart, that all the sheep now wandering astray may be converted to Thee, the Shepherd and Bishop of their souls; Who livest and reignest through all eternity. Amen.

Tantum Ergo

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui;
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui;
Praestet fides supplementum.
Sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitoque
Laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio;
Procedenti ab Utroque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

Priest: Panem de coelo praestitisti eis.

People: Omne delectamentum in se habentem.

Oremus

Priest: Deus, qui nobis sub Sacramento mirabili Passionis tuae memoriam reliquisti: tribue, quaesmus, ita nos Corporis et Sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari, ut redemptionis tuae fructum in nobis iugiter sentiamus: Qui vivis et regnas in saecula saeculorum.

People: Amen.

Divine Praises

Blessed be God
Blessed be His Holy Name
Blessed be Jesus Christ, True God and True Man
Blessed be the Name of Jesus
Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart
Blessed be His Most Precious Blood
Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy
Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception
Blessed be her glorious Assumption
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother
Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse
Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints

(At the conclusion of Benediction, the Hymn for The Pope or some other hymn may be sung.)

Hymn for the Pope

Long live the Pope! His praises
sound
Again and yet again;
His rule is over space and time;
His throne the hearts of men:
All hail the Shepherd King of Rome,
The theme of loving song:
|| : Let all the earth his glory sing,
And Heav'n the strain prolong. : ||

Beleaguered by the foes of earth,
Beset by the hosts of hell,
He guards the loyal flock of Christ,
A watchful sentinel:
And yet, amid the din and strife,
The clash of mace and sword,
|| : He bears alone the shepherd staff,
This champion of the Lord. : ||

His signet is the Fisherman's;
No scepter does he bear;
In meek and lowly majesty
He rules from Peter's Chair
And yet from every tribe and tongue,
From every clime and zone,
|| : Three hundred million voices sing,
The glory of his throne. : ||

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